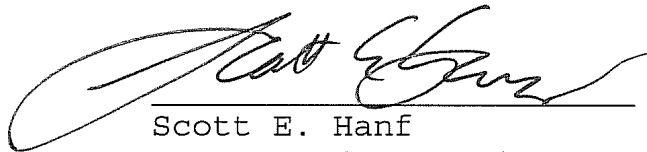


REMARKS

Applicant has amended this application to more closely comply with U.S. practice. New independent claim 10 is added. support for this claim can be found in paragraphs 0010 and 0016 of the specification, no new matter has been added.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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